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DEVICE SUITABLE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF APERTURE
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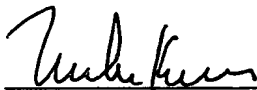
Sir:

Applicants note that today is the end of the statutory period for response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2003. On May 23, 2003, applicants filed an Amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR §1.31, Petition for Extension of Time and payment form, as evidenced by the attached copy of the postcard receipt, which applicants submit should place this application in condition for allowance. Applicants forwarded a copy of the aforementioned papers other than the payment form to the Examiner on July 25, 2003. More than two (2) months have passed since filing of the papers and no reply has been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office even though the Examiner has been contacted with regard thereto and the Examiner has advised on this date that the application is unavailable.

Although applicants consider that this application should be in condition for allowance and no further action to be necessary; in order to avoid any questions concerning abandonment of this application, in the event that this application is not in condition for allowance, applicants, if deemed necessary, hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Decision dated January 30, 2003 of the Primary Examiner

finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 6 and 8-25, and to the extent necessary, petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, and request that any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Notice of Appeal Fee and Petition Fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.37242CX2) and request that the charging of fees be held in abeyance pending the Examiner's action with respect to the papers filed May 29, 2003.

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